# **Certified NM Wastewater Operator III**

SMA Operations, LLC is recruiting for Certified Level I - IV Wastewater Operators and a Plant Operations Manager in Taos, NM. All full-time positions are eligible for benefits (medical, dental, vision, life, FSA and 401k).

Equal Employment Opportunity is the corporate and personal philosophy of the Company, its managers and owners. It is the policy of SMA Operations, LLC to afford equal employment to qualified individuals regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, ancestry, disability, gender identity, spousal affiliation or veteran status, and to conform to all applicable laws and regulations. The Company is fully committed to this concept and all personnel are expected to actively participate in the implementation of these policies.

We maintain a drug-free workplace and perform random drug screens. Driving records are also monitored monthly.

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#### SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

Under direction, performs a variety of skilled technical duties and semi-skilled labor in the operation and maintenance of the City's water or wastewater treatment plant; performs adjustments and repairs to plant equipment; collects and documents samples for laboratory testing; performs lead supervision and training to assigned staff; and performs a variety of related duties as assigned.

### **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

Plant Operator III – This is the advanced journey-level class in the Plant Operator series. Positions at this level are distinguished from other classes within the series by the level of responsibility assumed and the complexity of duties assigned, including performing lead supervisory activities and participating in developing goals and procedures for wastewater treatment activities. Employees at this level are required to be fully trained in all procedures related to assigned area of responsibility and have the appropriate certification.

#### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

Establishes and maintains effective sample procedures of plant operations and effluent.

Diagnoses operating problems; directs and performs necessary corrective action during work shift.

Makes process control adjustments, reads gauges and meters, records data, prepares necessary shift log reports.

Prepares required reports and maintains complete record keeping procedures.

Performs operations and maintenance activities including collecting samples and performing routine laboratory tests and analyses.

Directs, assigns and trains employees.

Conducts weekly safety meetings.

Makes operating decisions in the absence of supervisory personnel.

Maintains discipline and ensures proper procedures are followed.

Determines proper chemical flow rates.

Assigns operators' weekly work schedule.

Assigns replacement operators during emergency situations.

Ability and willingness to work on-call (standby)shifts, as requested, must be willing to work off-hours, night, weekend and holiday shifts. Must be willing to be on call, called back, held over or work assigned shifts as needed, including being fit and able to respond to call-ins in a timely manner.

\*Standby duty will be from Friday to Friday, which includes weekends and holidays.

Establishes and maintains cooperative relationships with those contacted during the course of work. Performs other duties as required.

### The minimum qualifications for this position are:

High school diploma or GED.

New Mexico Level III certification in Wastewater.

Four years' experience in operating water/wastewater treatment plants.

Possess a valid Class A or Class B CDL with no major infractions in the past 3 years.

Ability to lift a minimum of 40 pounds.

Ability to pass a general physical exam.

### The ideal candidate will possess the following skills and experience:

Four years' experience operating water/wastewater treatment plants.

Highest level certification in the State in which the project is located.

Knowledge of the principles, methods, and tools employed in the general operation of engines, pumps, valves, motors, and related equipment; general maintenance work; safe work practices;

Principles and methods of biological and chemical sewage analyses, effects and problems of industrial waste in water/wastewater treatment processes, principles of supervision.

Knowledge of computer software including but not limited to Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, data management systems and be able to operate plant PLC's and SCADA systems.

Must have general knowledge of heavy equipment operation such as but not limited to: Backhoe, Loader, and Farm Tractors.

Ability to operate all hydraulic, pneumatic and electrical equipment used in wastewater treatment plant operations.

## **Working Conditions:**

Subject to adverse weather conditions, fumes, toxic agents and hazards associated in the operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment plants.

#### Other Requirements:

This class description lists examples of duties and requirements of the job and is not all-inclusive. Incumbents may be expected to perform job-related duties other than those contained in this document and may be required to have specific job related knowledge and skills.